

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8900**
Shinichiro ISOBE : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1001A
Serial No. 10/584,089 : Group Art Unit 1637
Filed August 9, 2006 : Examiner Jezia Riley
METHOD FOR DETECTING BIOMOLECULE,
LABELING DYE USED THEREFORE, AND
LABELING KIT : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 16, 2008, Applicant submits the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosure of the reference relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Request for Acknowledgment of Claim of Priority and Receipt of Priority Document

The Office Action mailed December 16, 2008 fails to acknowledge Applicant's Claim of Priority, or receipt of the certified copy of the Japanese Priority Document. However, PAIR indicates that the certified copy of Applicant's priority document is of record in the application. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge Applicant's Claim of Priority, as well as receipt of the certified copy of Applicant's priority document with the next correspondence.